THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE P.S. NARAYANA

WRIT PETITION No.14737 of 2006

Dated: 24.07.2006

Between

Bellamkonda Babu Rao and two others.

…Petitioners

And

The State Election Commission,
Budda Bhavan, Hyderabad and four others.
Municipal Administration and
Urban Development Department
at Secretariat, Hyderabad and four others.

…Respondents

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ORDER:

Heard both the counsel.

The writ petition is filed for a writ of *mandamus* declaring the inaction of the respondents in not taking any action on the representation submitted by the petitioners and others for arranging separate polling stations for Ayyalapalem Village as illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional, unreasonable, discriminatory and against the principles of natural justice and consequently direct the respondents to arrange separate polling stations for Ward Nos.11 and 12 of Ayyalapalem village, Nagambotlapalem Gram Panchayat, Talluru Mandal, Prakasam District at Ayyalapalem village and pass such other orders.

The main grievance of the petitioners is that though the State Election Commission had issued guidelines relating to distance, the same is not being followed.

It is made clear that the guidelines issued by the State Election Commission in relation to the distance in the arrangement of polling booths to be followed. Apart from this aspect of the matter, some law and order problem and other difficulties are also brought to the notice of this Court.

Sir V.V.Prabhakar Rao, learned standing counsel for State Election Commission, however, states that suitable instructions will be given to the concerned Superintendent of Police to provide for additional police protection. The same is hereby recorded. In view of the same, the writ petition is disposed of expressing the hope that the State Election Commission would look into the matter and redress the grievance.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

P.S.Narayana, J

Date: 24.07.2006
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